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### Question 1

#### General Information

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### Question 2

Who is the primary Member of Congress sponsoring the project?

Member of Congress:	Cassidy, Bill
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### Question 3

Is this project located in your Congressional District?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

### Question 4

Will other Members of Congress be submitting project requests supporting the project?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

### Question 5

What type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, as part of the High Priority Projects program.

- ☒ Federal-aid Highway
- ☒ Highway/road
    - Located on a Federal-aid highway?
      - ☒ Yes
        - Located on the National Highway System?
          - ☐ Yes
          - ☒ No
      - ☐ No
    - ☐ Bridge
    - ☐ Tunnel
    - ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian project
    - ☐ Intelligent Transportation System (Technology) project
    - ☐ Ferry Boats or Ferry Boat Facilities
    - ☐ Intermodal Freight Facility
    - ☐ Other
  - ☐ Public Transit [What is the definition of public transit?](#)

- ☐ Rail
- ☐ Research
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## Question 6

Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation, or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

☒ Yes

Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?  
State Department of Transportation

Name	Sherri Labas
Position	Deputy Secretary, Louisiana DOTD
Phone	225-379-1851

☐ No

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## Question 7

Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds.

☒ Highways

State Department of Transportation:

Note: If a project is a multi-state project, please select the State Department of Transportation which will serve as the lead agency for the project.  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development - Highways

- ☐ Public Transit
- ☐ Rail
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## Question 8

Please identify the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either (1) the amount requested by the Member; or (2) the amount requested by the Member and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources.

### Project description:

Please use words like: Construct, Plan, Design, Engineer, Conduct Environmental Review, Acquire Right-of-way, Conduct Alternatives Analysis, Research, Develop, Demonstrate, Deploy, Reconstruct, Rehabilitate, Replace, Retrofit, Install, Mitigate, Implement, Realign

Conduct environmental review and design the Baton Rouge Loop, an 85-mile, Interstate standard, toll road around Baton Rouge that will relieve traffic on the congested I-10 corridor. The Loop will bypass the metropolitan core traversing East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension and Livingston Parishes, linking I-10 west of the Mississippi River to I-10 east of the River, north to I-12 and then back to I-10 west of the river. The request will advance design to the point where the City/ Parish can seek innovative financing and attract private sector participation, including a potential public private partnership, to finance and construct the Loop.

Total estimated cost 25000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (2000000 not \$2 million)

Request amount 20000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (e.g., \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

Percentage of total estimated cost 80%

### Additional Funding Sources

Source	Amount of Funding
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## Question 9

If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

**Project description**

This request is to complete environmental review and begin design of the Baton Rouge Loop. The convergence of I-10, I-12, I-110 and major regional corridors in Baton Rouge has created one of the worst bottlenecks in the nation for Interstate and commuter traffic. Once completed, the Loop will provide bypass options for Interstate and local traffic to save over 6 million hours of annual time lost due to congestion while enhancing regional competitiveness and quality of life.

Note: limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters

**Total estimated cost**

4500000000

## Question 10

10. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

☒ Yes

Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

**Date of approval**

03/2003

(MM/YYYY)

☐ No

## Question 11

11. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

☒ Yes

Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Date of approval**

03/2009

(MM/YYYY)

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Area FY2009-FY2013 TIP

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

**Date of approval**

(MM/YYYY)

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

☐ No

## Question 12

If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

☒ Not Applicable

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Question 13

Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

☒ Federal-aid Highway

In Environmental Review

☐ Public Transit

☐ Rail

☐ Research

What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?  
2012

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## Question 14

Please provide a letter of support from a state, regional, or local governmental official specifically supporting the project request. **This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state, or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase. This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if the Member is requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost.**

Currently: [letters/bill\\_cassidy/Holden-BRLoop-support.pdf](#)

Change:

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## Question 15

Does the project have regional or national significance? [What is the definition of a project of regional or national significance?](#)

☒ Yes

Please describe the regional or national significance of the project.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The Loop will relieve severe congestion on I-10, a nationally significant freight and trade corridor. Currently, 20% of the volume on I-10 in Baton Rouge is interstate freight traffic. A national survey has ranked I-10 through Baton Rouge as the worst stretch of Interstate in the nation for freight movement due to congestion. The Loop will provide bypass options for both Interstate and local traffic, enhancing regional and national mobility, trade and commerce.

☐ No

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## Question 16

Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

**Safety Benefits:** Please describe the safety benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The combined incident rate on I-10, I-12 and I-110 in East Baton Rouge Parish alone exceeds 750 injury accidents annually. Congestion and inadequate roadway capacity contribute to high incident rates, including a state highway fatality rate 40% above the national average. This project will substantially improve safety by diverting up to 30% of Interstate traffic, and an even higher percent of freight traffic, to the Loop. The Loop will also provide multiple new evacuation routes.

**Economic Development Benefits:** Please describe the economic development benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

Reduced congestion and enhanced connectivity via the Loop, along with integrated land use planning, offer transformational economic benefits. In regional planning studies, business leaders have consistently cited congestion among the top two obstacles to economic growth. The Loop will save 6 million hours and \$120 million in lost time annually, significantly benefiting both interstate as well as regional commerce as 15% of all national traffic on I-10 travels through Baton Rouge daily.

**Mobility Benefits:** Please describe the mobility benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The routing and convergence of I-10, I-12 and I-110 through metropolitan Baton Rouge has resulted in saturated Interstates and arterials and will reach crisis point with continued population growth. Baton Rouge was the only major city in the US to report increased traffic congestion in 2008. In addition to providing new access to thousands of existing homes and businesses, the Loop will enhance mobility through bypass options that will carry up to 40,000 vehicles per day.

**Environmental Benefits:** Please describe the environmental benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

Substantial reductions in congestion and vehicle idling times along Interstate and major arterials will lead to congruent reduction in vehicle emissions of particulate matter and ground level ozone (e.g., smog). On-road vehicles are currently the largest single source of ground-level ozone in Baton Rouge. Baton Rouge has also been ranked among the ten worst US cities for year-round fine particulate matter pollution.

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## Question 17

Has the project previously received any Federal funding?

☒ Yes

☒ Surface Transportation Authorization Act(s)

☒ Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)

Section

1702

Project Number

4232

Amount of Funding

☐ Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)

☐ National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)

☐ Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)

☐ Appropriations Act(s)

☐ Other Legislation

☐ No

## Question 18

Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?

☒ Yes

Source

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

City of Baton Rouge / Parish of East Baton Rouge

2000000

2000000

State of Louisiana

4000000

4000000

☐ No

## Question 19

Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.

Note: Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)

Conduct Environmental Review and Design the Baton Rouge Loop, Baton Rouge, LA

Please review and finalize your answers to the above questions before moving on to the Certification phase of the program where you can print your submission. Once moving to the Certification phase, you will NOT be able to amend your answers.

☒ Submit for Certification

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